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DEPARTMENT PASS TO DR. RONKIN, NSF

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SUBJECT: NSF/SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROPOSALS

REFERENCES: (A) STATE 266300 OF 1974

(B) NEW DELHI 16600 OF 1974

(C) NEW DELHI 0822

(D) NEW DELHI 0473

A. THE LATEST STATUS ON THE SUBJECT PROPOSALS FOLLOWS:

1. F3F0008: THE REVISED PROPOSAL IS WITH THE ALL-INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (AIIMS) FOR DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCE.

2. FW0127: DR. CHINNA'S PROPOSAL, CLEARED BY AIIMS, IS NOW WITH THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH. THIS WILL MOST LIKELY BE SENT TO ICMR FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. (PROPOSAL AIRPOUCHED TO NSF JAN.22).

3. F3F0146: STATUS IS NOT CLEAR. A SEPARATE MESSAGE FOLLOWS. IN ANY CASE, IT DOES NOT HAVE FULL GOI APPROVAL YET.

4. F2F0146: PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED TO ICAR IN 1972. DR. SIDHU WILL SHORTLY SUBMIT A REVISED PROPOSAL TO ICAR (SIDHU'S LETTR AIRPOUCHED TO NSF JANUARY 22).

5. F2F0061: WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY RESPONSE FROM PURI INSPITE OF REPEATED REMINDERS.

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6. F4F0138: DR. SWARUP, NOW DIRECTOR OF THE ASTROPHYSICAL LABORATORY

AT OOTY HAS PROMISED TO SEND US A REVISED PROPOSAL AND ALSO TO EXPEDITE GOI APPROVAL.

7. OIP75-03073: PROF. JHINGRAN HAS PROMISED TO INITIATE ACTION IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT OF THE REVISED PROPOSAL FROM DR. SAVAGE (REF. D).

8. F5F0132: WE WERE INFORMED BY DR. KHAN THAT DR. CHAUDHURI'S PROPOSAL AFTER APPROVAL BY TECHNICAL EXPERTS AWAITS APPROVAL BY THE ICAR SCREENING COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH OR APRIL 1975. WE HAVE TODAY RECEIVED FROM DR. CHAUDHURY HIS REVISED PROPOSAL AS PER NSF GUIDELINES (COPY AIRPOUCHED TODAY). CHAUDHURI REQUESTS NSF TO IDENTIFY A U.S. COOPERATING SCIENTIST. HE SAYS DR. S.W. LING OF FAO REGIONAL OFFICE, BANGKOK MAY BE WILLING.

9. F4F0001: GUJRAL VISITED BOSE INSTITUTE, CALCUTTA AND BROUGHT WITH HIM THE REVISED PROPOSAL (COPY AIRPOUCHED TO NSF) APPROVED BY THE INSTITUTE. THE PROPOSAL IS NOW UNDER THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DST).

10. F4F0167: THE PROPOSED SYMPOSIUM ON "PHOTOSYNTHETIC AND PRODUCTIVITY" WAS POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1975. PROFESSOR SIRCAR HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR AN EARLY CLEARANCE.

B. DESHPANDE HAS INFORMALLY TOLD US THAT GOI PROPOSES TO ESTABLISH A SCREENING COMMITTEE SOON TO REVIEW SFC PROJECTS FROM INSTITUTIONS UNDER DST PURVIEW. THESE INCLUDE PROPOSALS 7, 9, AND 10 ABOVE.

C. THE GOI MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS APPROVED FOR SFC FUNDING, FIVE PROJECTS LISTED IN REF. B. WE EXPECT ANOTHER 15 PROPOSALS AWAITING DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CLEARANCE TO BE FORWARDED TO THE EMBASSY SOON. SUGGEST NSF CONTACT BEAUBIEN, OES/SCI, AND NIH FOR REVIEW OF MEDICAL PROJECTS OF THEIR INTEREST.

D. JOHRY OF CSIR SAYS CSIR HAS RECEIVED NEW SFC RESEARCH PROPOSALS FROM THEIR LABORATORIES INVOLVING APPROXIMATELY RS. 25 MILLION, FOR TECHNICAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE CSIR SCREENING COMMITTEE.SCHNEIDER

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